



Welcome back!

We are excited to welcome you back to school after an unusual end to last year and will be here to make school a safe and happy place for your child. In Year 5, we are also welcoming Miss Thomas to the Giffard Park team!

Please remember you can also communicate with us through the class e-mail accounts:
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Important information

School Council Elections – Monday 28th September

Half term – Friday 23rd October to Friday 30th October

Parliament Week – Monday 2nd November

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Antibullying / Road Safety Week – Monday 16th November

Non-uniform day – Thursday 26th November

Christmas Fayre – Friday 4th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 18th December

Curriculum

Throughout the year, but especially in September, we will be having a big focus on wellbeing, ensuring that all children are safe and happy in school and that the transition back is a positive experience.

Our topic in Autumn will be the Ancient Egyptians. Our learning will lead us to explore the impact of the Egyptians and we will be taking part in a range of exciting activities. We will be creating our own pyramid silhouette, learning about and making Pharaoh masks, as well as travelling through time with our writing. In maths, we will be exploring a range of units, with a focus on number and place value. Our Science learning will be focussing on 'Animals, including humans'.

PE

PE for both classes is Tuesday. It is extremely important that children come to school in their correct and full school PE kit only on this day.

Learning at home

Homework – Continuing from last year, children will be set a piece of Maths or Reading comprehension which will need to be completed each week. This will be set on a Wednesday to be handed in the following Monday. Children will have a homework book to keep this safe.

KIRF - Your child is allocated a different Key Instant Recall Fact target for Maths each half term. These may be personalised to your child and come with a list of suggested activities to complete. They are available on the school's website. KIRFs will be tested in school so it is important to support children in learning these at home.

Reading - Reading supports children in every area of their learning. As a reward for reading every day, children are entered into a school reading raffle each Friday, with the chance to win a new book. On Friday mornings children will need to show their reading records to their teacher to be entered into the raffle. Children can complete the information in their reading records if necessary, but to be entered into the raffle, we require a parent's signature to confirm their record.

Spellings – Weekly spellings will continue to be sent home on a Wednesday, to be tested the following week. It is very important these are practised each week as it promotes strong communication, reading and writing skills.